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items of program content, the system having access to an electronic program guide that stores electronic program guide attribute information for items of program content, comprising:

a memory having a data structure for storing the location of a recorded item of program content in association with at least one electronic program guide attribute selected from the group consisting of program title information, program category, broadcasting network, date of broadcast, time of broadcast, actors and director;

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a file write mechanism that automatically accesses the electronic program guide attribute information about the recorded item of program content to be stored in said data structure;

a speech recognizer that receive a spoken request for the recorded item of program content and generates an input sentence corresponding to the spoken request, where the spoken request includes at least one electronic program guide attribute associated with the recorded item of program content;

a natural language parser that receives the input sentence from the speech recognizer and identifies the at least one electronic program guide attribute from the input sentence; and

a dialog system that interacts with a user to ascertain additional electronic program guide attributes for the recorded item of program content.

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13. (Amended) An interactive replay system for accessing recorded items of program content, comprising:

an electronic program guide for storing electronic program guide information for items of program content;

a memory having a data structure for storing at least one recorded item of program content in association with corresponding electronic program guide information;

a file write mechanism that accesses the electronic program guide and storing electronic program guide information for the at least one recorded item of program content in the data structure of the memory;

B² a speech recognizer that receives a spoken request for a specific recorded item of program content and generates an input sentence corresponding to the spoken request, where the spoken request includes electronic program guide information associated with the specific recorded item of program content;

a natural language parser that receives the input sentence from the speech recognizer and identifies the electronic program guide information embodied in the input sentence; and

a dialog system that interacts with a user to ascertain additional electronic program guide attributes for the recorded item of program content.
